Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER April 13th, 1885.

The City Council met on the 13th inst. Present—Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Kingston, Brown, Hook, Stringer, Scarrow, Christie and Hodgins.

After the minutes had been confirmed,

Petitions and communications were read, as follows:—

From John Labatt, enclosing $173 as his share of the cost of purchasing clothing for the volunteers.

From Mr. John Labatt, asking permission to build a drain from his residence to Dufferin avenue. No. 2 with power.

From John Boyd and others, asking permission to build a frame roller rink on Richmond street north of Lichfield. The request was granted.

From George Cox and others, asking for a sidewalk to be placed on Oxford street. No. 2.

From William Crosby and others, for a drain on South street, between Waterloo and Colborne. Referred to No. 2 with power.

A petition was received from Edward Lee and 15 other ratepayers of Ward No. 4, for a new sidewalk on Princess avenue, between Waterloo and Colborne streets, as soon as the spring opens. Referred to No. 2.

From W. H. Banfield, offering to manufacture dog tags. Referred to No. 3 Committee.

From Francis Love, barrister, claiming damages for loss sustained by Philip Hoskin, N.E. corner of Maitland and South streets, through his land being flooded by an improperly constructed drain. No. 2.

From the same, claiming $6 on behalf of Thomas Isherwood, residing on Bathurst street, between Waterloo and Colborne. The attention of the Council is called to the disgraceful state of the roads in that locality, the letter stating that at the present time there is a large pond of water there extending some 200 feet in length and some 10 feet in width, encroaching even on the very sidewalks. The damage complained of has been done to Mr. Isherwood's cellar and goods, and he is ready to furnish particulars to the Committee to whom the communication is referred. No. 2.

From William D. Lyons, asking for a few weeks' longer time to pay his taxes for 1884, amounting to $5.40, for which a seizure has been made on his goods and chattels. Also from Mrs. Hughes for remission of taxes. No. 1 Committee.

By law No. 207, providing for the watering of certain streets in 1885, was read the required number of times and passed.

From Mrs. Anne Brown, petition for remission of taxes on lot No. 3, North Nelson street, on the ground that she is a widow upwards of 75 years of age, in poor health and with a very small income. No. 1 Committee.

From Mrs. Georgina McKay, application for a refund of street-watering rate, as she paid it in error, and was not liable for the amount ($2.35). No. 1 Committee.

An application was read from George W. Russell against an assessment of $900 on the roll, when his notice only gave the assessment $800, on the property numbered 35 north Dufferin avenue. No. 1 Committee.

On motion of Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Christie, the donation of Mr. Labatt was accepted with thanks.

The Mayor stated he had received a communication from Mayor Lilley asking to have a conference between committees from both Councils with the object of expediting amalgamation. Referred to the Amalgamation Committee.

A communication was read from Mr. Webb, complaining of damage to his property through a defective sewer on Carling street, and requesting the Council to attend to the same.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE.

Report read by Ald. Stringer (Chairman). Your Committee recommend as follows:—

1—That William Ironsides be engaged as lamplighter on the same conditions as last year.

2—That Mr. Robert Gibson, the medi-